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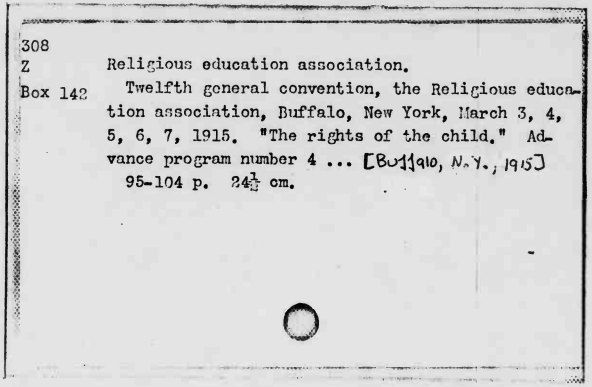
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BUFFALO, NEW YORK
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"The Rights of the Child"

ADVANCE
PROGRAM
Number 4

The threefold purpose of the Religious Education Association is: to inspire the educational forces of our country with the religious ideal; to inspire the religious forces of our country with the educational ideal; and to keep before the public mind the ideal of religious education, and the sense of its need and value.

"THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD."

THE TWELFTH GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Buffalo, New York, March 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1915.

(Program Subject to Revision)

THE PROGRAM OF THE EVENING SESSIONS

Wednesday, March 3, 7:45 P. M.

At Delaware Avenue Methodist Church.

THE PREPARATION MEETING.

A preparatory service of prayer and praise.
Brief addresses by leading speakers.

AT THE ELMWOOD MUSIC HALL

Thursday, March 4, 1915, 7:45 P. M.

1. *Rt. Rev. Charles D. Williams, D.D., Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, Detroit, Mich.*
2. *Rev. Francis J. McConnell, D.D., Methodist Episcopal Bishop of Denver, Colorado.*
3. *Henry F. Cope, D.D., General Secretary, The Religious Education Association.*

Friday, March 5, 7:45 P. M.

1. *Rev. Walter Rauschenbusch, D.D., Professor, Rochester Theological Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.*
2. *Anna Garlin Spencer, Vice-President, The National Child Welfare League; Professor of Sociology, Meadville Theological Seminary.*

Saturday, March 6, 7:45 P. M.

1. *Rabbi Henry Berkowitz, Ph.D., Chancellor Jewish Chautauqua Society, Philadelphia.*
2. *Professor Charles S. Gardner, Ph.D., Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.*
3. *Owen R. Lovejoy, Secretary, The National Child Labor Committee.*

Sunday, March 7, 3:00 P. M.

1. The Family as an Agency for Religious Education.
   Charles F. Thwing, LL.D., President Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O.
2. The Home and the Family in Relation to Public Education.
   P. P. Claxton, LL.D., U. S. Commissioner of Education, Washington, D. C.

3. The Conquest of Children's Faults.
Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot, Member of Massachusetts Board of Education, Boston, Mass.

Sunday, March 7, 7:45 P. M.

1. *Graham Taylor, President Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy; Editor The Survey*
2. *John H. Finley, LL.D., President The University of the State of New York.*

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Y. M. C. A.

Saturday, March 6, 9:00 A. M.

The General Survey of Progress.
Irving F. Wood, Ph.D., Professor Smith College, Northampton, Mass.

DEPARTMENT SESSIONS

(Open to the public, except when otherwise noted.)

I. The Council.

(Private meetings for members of the Council of Religious Education and invited guests.)

The Lafayette Hotel.

Wednesday, March 3, 7:45 P. M.; Thursday, March 4, 9:00 A. M.

Topic: *The Training and Supply of Professional Workers in Religious Education.*

A special commission has been preparing data under the following subdivisions:

1. Number of directors in local churches now employed and the character of their work.
Dr. Henry F. Cope, General Secretary The Religious Education Association.
2. Professional workers in local and general Sunday school associations, interdenominational.
Dr. Franklin McElfresh, Educational Secretary, The International S. S. Association.
3. Professional Workers in Denominational Organizations.
Dr. B. S. Winchester, Secretary Congregation Sunday School and Publishing Society.

4. Teachers in Theological Seminaries and Lay Training Schools, and the Training Offered in These Schools.
Dr. Frank G. Ward, Professor Chicago Theological Seminary.
5. Teachers and Courses in Religious Education in Colleges.
Professor Walter S. Athearn, Drake University.
6. The Work of Boy Department Directors in Christian Associations.
Professor Joseph M. Artman, Y. M. C. A. College, Chicago.

The above reports are being summarized by the committee named below and will be presented as the basis for discussion at the meetings of the Council, under the following:

a. What standard should be set up for these various positions?
b. What practical measures need to be taken to increase the opportunities for professional training and thereby to increase the supply of adequately trained men and women.
A committee consisting of Prof. G. A. Coe, Prof. Theodore G. Soares, Dr. B. S. Winchester, Rev. William H. Boocock and Dr. Henry F. Cope.

Annual business meeting of the Council, Thursday, Mar. 4, 11:00 a. m. Arrangements will be made for luncheon.

II. Universities and Colleges.

(Tentative.)

First Session.

Lafayette Hotel.

Friday, March 5, 9:30 A. M.

1. A Survey of Biblical Teaching in Colleges and Universities.
Miss Ethel Cutler, M.A., National Y. M. C. A., New York.
2. The Standardization of the Department of Biblical Instruction.
(A) The Training Essential to Efficiency in Teaching.
Professor Charles Foster Kent, Ph.D., Yale University.
(B) What Constitutes an Ideal Department?
Professor Irving Francis Wood, Ph.D., Smith College.
(C) The Minimum which should be Essential to the Recognition of a Department.

12.30. Luncheon will be served at a convenient center for the members of the department. At this luncheon will be held the annual business session.

SECOND SESSION.

Lafayette Hotel.

Saturday, March 6, 10:30 A. M.

3. The True Scope of Religious Instruction to Meet the Present Need in Standard Colleges.
   (A) What is the Relative Importance of Courses in Biblical Literature, Religious Education, and Religion?
   Professor Edwin D. Starbuck, Ph.D., State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Ia.
   Luther A. Weigle, Ph.D., The Yale School of Religion, New Haven, Conn.
   (B) Where Biblical Courses are Required in what Year or Years should They be Given?
   (C) The Content of an Ideal Curriculum.
   Professor Henry T. Fowler, Ph.D., Brown University.
   A Plan of Coöperation with the Department of Secondary Schools for the Development of a coördinate Curriculum.

III. THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES.

Lafayette Hotel.

Friday, March 5, 9:30 A. M.

Common Task of the Training School and the Theological Seminary.

An Introductory Survey.
Warren P. Behan, Ph.D., Dean, Baptist Training School, Chicago.

From the Viewpoint of the Field.
H. Paul Douglass, D.D., Corresponding Secretary, American Missionary Association, New York.

From the Viewpoint of the Seminaries.
George B. Stewart, LL.D., President Auburn Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y.

From the Viewpoint of the Training Schools.
Jas. E. McCulloch, Secretary The Interchurch College, Nashville, Tenn.

IV. CHURCHES AND PASTORS.

FIRST SESSION.
Elmwood Music Hall.

Friday, March 5, 2:00 P. M.

A joint session of all Departments on "CHURCH GROWTH."

1. Childhood and Youth in Relation to Church Membership.
   Henry B. Robins, Ph.D., Professor Rochester Theological Seminary, N. Y.
2. Group and Mass Movements.
   George B. Stewart, LL.D., President Auburn Theological Seminary.
3. Enlistment of the Latent Forces in the Community.
   Rev. T. Albert Moore, D.D., Toronto, Canada.

SECOND SESSION.
Elmwood Music Hall.

Saturday, March 6, 2:00 P. M.

A joint session of all Departments on "THE CHILD IN THE CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL."

"An adequate program for the life of the child in the church."

1. The Scientific Point of View.
   George A. Coe, LL.D., Professor Union Theological Seminary, N. Y.
2. The Child and Worship in the Church.
3. The Rights of the School in the Life of the Church.
   Rev. Herbert W. Gates, M.A., Brick Church Institute, Rochester, N. Y.
4. From the Viewpoint of the Child's Religious Rights in the Church.
   Rev. William E. Gardner, General Secretary, Episcopal General Board of Religious Education, New York.

V. SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A. MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS.

At the Lafayette Hotel.

FIRST SESSION.

Wednesday, March 3, 9:30 A. M.

Report of the Commission on S. S. Nomenclature.
Rev. W. I. Lawrance, Secretary Religious Education Department of American Unitarian Association.

11:00 Annual Business Meeting of the Department.

SECOND SESSION.

2:00 Psychology of the Development of the Child.
Lester J. Bradner, Ph.D., Secretary Teacher Training and Parochial Education, Protestant Episcopal Board of Religious Education.

4:00 Social Relations of Youth to the Church.
Herbert W. Gates, M.A., Rochester, N. Y.
Prof. W. N. Hutchins, Margaretville, Nova Scotia.
John Bradford, Y. M. C. A., Montreal.
W. F. Davies, Winnetka, Ill.

THIRD SESSION.

8:00 Next Steps Forward in City and Community Institutes
Prof. W. S. Athearn, Des Moines, Iowa.

Plans for Coöperation with the Movement for Standardization.
Rev. B. S. Winchester, D.D., Boston.

B. OPEN SESSIONS.

Friday, March 5, 2:00 P. M.

Joint Session with Department of Churches and Pastors.

The Y. M. C. A.

Saturday, March 6, 10:30 A. M.

Worship in the Sunday School.
Rev. B. S. Winchester, D.D., Boston.
An open conference.

VI. PUBLIC EDUCATION.

Elmwood Hall.

Thursday, March 4, 4:00 P. M.

TOPIC: *School and Church Coöperating.*

FIRST SESSION.

1. For the Instruction of Children in Religion.
   1. Is the Gary plan of correlated study in churches feasible in the greater number of communities?
      Rabbi George Zepin, Ph.D., Director of Synagogue and School Extension, Cincinnati.
   2. In what ways is the church responsible and how may she cooperate with the schools?
      Robt. L. Kelley, Ph.D., President Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.
   3. Correlated Bible study for elementary grades in Canada.
      Rev. C. A. Myers, M.A., Toronto.

4. The Lakewood (Ohio) Plan.
   Miss Laura V. Lynch, Teacher, Lakewood High School.
5. Credit toward graduation from high school for Bible study work done outside the school.
   H. B. Wilson, M.A., Superintednent of Public Schools, Decatur, Ill.

SECOND SESSION.

Elmwood Hall.

Friday, March 5, 4:00 P. M.

A joint session of all departments.

TOPIC: *"School and Church Coöperating for the Moral Welfare of Youth."*

1. What are the facts as to the moral situation in public high schools? (Investigation of typical schools.)
   Principal Henry E. Brown, New Trier Township High School, Kenilworth, Ill.
   Principal Jesse B. Davis, Central High School, Grand Rapids, Mich.
2. What are the facts as to moral situation in private secondary co-educational schools?
   Prof. Franklin W. Johnson, the Secondary School of the University of Chicago.
   Discussion.

VII. THE HOME.

(Meeting jointly with "Social Service" and with The National Congress of Mothers.)

FIRST SESSION.

Elmwood Hall.

Thursday, March 4, 2:00 P. M.

Joint meeting of all departments.

TOPIC: *"The Rights of the Child in the Home."*

1. Preparation of Parents.
   Prof. Edward P. St. John, M.A., School of Religious Pedagogy, Hartford, Conn.

The Religious Education of an American Child.
Francis Greenwood Peabody, D.D., Professor Emeritus, Harvard University.

Education in Social Morality Through Parents and Teachers.
Dr. Mabel F. Ulrich, Minneapolis.

(Under special direction of Department of Christian Associations.)

SECOND SESSION.

The Y. M. C. A.

Friday, March 5, 10:00 A. M.

"The Social Morality Problem in Relation to the Child."
Rev. William A. Burgess, D.D., Des Plaines, Illinois.

THIRD SESSION.

Elmwood Hall.

Friday, March 5, 2:00 P. M.

1. The Church in Coöperation with the Home.
   Milton S. Littlefield, Ph.D., Congregational Sunday School Society, Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Materials of Religious Education in the Family.
   Frederick Tracy, Ph. D., Professor The University of Toronto.
3. Character-forming Forces in the Family.
   George A. Hubbell, Ph.D., President Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn.

FOURTH SESSION.

Joint meeting of all departments.

Sunday, March 7, 3:00 P. M.

Elmwood Hall.

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3. The Conquest of Children's Faults.
   Mrs. Ella Lyman Cabot, Member of Massachusetts Board of Education, Boston, Mass.

VIII. LAY TRAINING SCHOOLS.

Lafayette Hotel.

Friday, March 5, 9:00 A. M.

Joint meeting with Department of Theological Seminaries. (See Department of Theological Seminaries.)

IX. SOCIAL SERVICE.

Young Men's Christian Association.

FIRST SESSION.

(Meeting jointly with "The Home.")

Friday, March 5, 10:00 A. M.

The Social Rights of the Child.
S. Z. Batten, D.D., Social Service Secretary, Northern Baptist Convention, Philadelphia, Pa.
Prof. Winfield S. Hall, M.D., President The Child Conservation League of America.
"The Right to Be Well Born."
Burdette B. Brown, Superintendent St. Christopher's Home for Children, New York.
The Social Morality Problem in Relation to the Child.
Rev. William A. Burgess, D.D., The Book Bureau, Des Plaines, Ill.
"The Right to a Proper Environment."
General Discussion.
Business.

SECOND SESSION.

The Y. M. C. A.

Saturday, March 6, 10:30 A. M.

"City Conditions as Affecting the Life of the Child."
Dr. W. H. Slingerland, Department of Child Helping, Russell Sage Foundation.
"The Industrial Menace to the Home."
Samuel Zane Batten, D.D., Association Secretary Social Service Commission Federal Council of the Churches.
General Discussion.
Election of Committees and Officers.

X. CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

Thursday, March 4, 2:00 P. M.

Elmwood Hall.

TOPIC: *Education in Social Morality Through Parents and Teachers.*
Lecture by Dr. Mabel Ulrich, Minneapolis.
(See Program of "The Home.")

XI. DIRECTORS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Luncheon at Hotel Touraine.

Friday, March 5, 12:30 P. M.

XII. Church Commissions on Religious Education.

There will be held at least one joint meeting of all the different commissions of religious education representing the various church communions. First meeting is called for 11 a. m., Friday, March 5th, at the Lafayette Hotel.

ARRANGEMENTS

Hotel headquarters will be at the Lafayette Hotel on Lafayette Square. Early reservation of room should be made with the hotel.

All out of town visitors should register at the hotel. Registration offices will also be provided at the Elmwood Music Hall.

Morning Sessions.

All the morning sessions will be those of separate departments and these will be held in the Lafayette Hotel or at the Y. M. C. A. building near by.

Afternoon Sessions.

The program is so arranged this year that all afternoon sessions are in the nature of joint sessions of departments. These sessions will be held at the Elmwood Music Hall, which is within walking distance of the hotel headquarters, or in direct connection with street car lines.

Evening Sessions.

The general sessions of the convention will be held on the nights of Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Elmwood Music Hall, main auditorium, and will be open without charge to the public.

All sessions are open to the public except the two meetings of the Council at the Lafayette Hotel on Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

Exhibit.

An important exhibit on Religious Education and Child Welfare will be open daily, Thursday to Sunday inclusive, at Elmwood Music Hall. The hours of exhibition will be daily from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m., except during sessions in the same hall, and for one hour after the close of the evening sessions.

Reception.

The Twentieth Century Club will keep open house for the delegates and visitors on Saturday from four to six oclock.

Programs.

Later editions of this program and also the final official program can be obtained as they are issued from the Association office at 332 So. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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